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Consultants view Lobay's offices

by Janis Cain

Ward Connerly, highly publicized recently as the UC Regent who lead the move to abolish Affirmative Action, may be hired by the City of Pacific Grove to administer Affordable Housing loans.

City Manager Mike Huse told the Beacon this week Connerly's firm can administer the Affordable Housing program for less than it costs the City to do it in-house.

Recent figures indicate the City spends about \$3,000 per loan, in direct costs alone.

That figure does not include overhead nor peripheral costs. Connerly's company has quoted a figure of \$2,700 or less per loan. Currently, 15 active loans on the books for fiscal year '95-'96.

"If Ward Connerly's proposal is accepted, it is our intention," Huse said, "to recommend the responsibilities (for

Affordable Housing administration) be turned over to Administrative Services Director Peter Woodruff. It is unclear whether Mr. Lobay would be involved at all."

As for existing staff hired to administer the loans, Huse says there would be some movement. Retained staff would be transferred to Administrative Services.

PG's Affordable Housing Committee may or may not be disbanded. Connerly would function as staff and some staff members may serve on the committee working with Connerly in Affordable Housing outreach efforts. The AH Committee of the future may include members of the governing board, staff, and public.

Another consultant is already on the job reviewing the operations of the Community Development Department. Responding to comments from the pub-

lic and council the PG City Council voted to pay Henry Engen \$2,400 for a three-week evaluation.

City Manager Mike Huse told the Beacon Engen will study the department's functions and give advice on how to make it function "in a more efficient and effective manner."

Among concerns reported were those on possible abuses with water allocations, alterations to historic homes, and the flow of information from the Development Department.

Engen will not have a role in the evolution of Affordable Housing loan administration.

Connerly made headlines last year as demonstrators took to the streets to protest his views on Affirmative Action. Despite the public anger over his controversial push to drop Affirmative Action benefits for minorities, the majority of UC Regents voted his way.



Fund drive set for new \$100K computer center

FRESHMEN Jenny Little, Kristine Massaro, and Adrienne Arioto (above) would love to study computer applications at Pacific Grove High. Kathy Eckhard (also shown), director of education for the Shoreline Community Church (whose services are held Sundays at the high school), is heading a drive to raise \$40,000 in funds to be matched by an anonymous donor willing to help finance a new \$100,000 Computer Center at PGHS.

Teen panel will give insight to parents on drug and alcohol abuse

by Janis Cain

If your kid is using drugs, would you know? Even if you knew, could you do something about it?

For the first time in the PG Middle School, a panel of teenagers will provide sobering insight into drug and alcohol abuse among middle school students.

Other than the panel itself, it's an "adults only" evening, Monday, March 25, from 7-9 pm in the PG Middle School Library.

School Counselor Mary Masten organized the parent education program after witnessing the response to a teen panel at the recent Youth to Youth conference at PGHS.

"Kids keyed into those candid confessions, more than anything else that was going on," Masten told the Beacon. "And I expect parents will react the same way." Masten noted that the upcoming teen panel will be a mixture of those who have used drugs or alcohol and others who have witnessed the consequences.

The evening begins with the panel presentation for the first half-hour, then follows with a psychologist explaining "ages & stages" of drug and alcohol use, with cause and effect patterns for various age groups.

A mother whose two children had to go through rehabilitation programs will give her insights into what she did and

didn't see — and what she might have done differently.

Masten and PGMS teacher Liz Lang will conclude the program with advice on communication strategies, and intervention opportunities.

Masten expressed concern for attendance at the program, noting the timing will conflict with the Academy Awards television program.



Mary Masten

Teachers put on notice for layoffs ... maybe

by Janis Cain

Twelve Pacific Grove teachers were put on notice today that their jobs will be eliminated after this school year. It's not necessarily so, however. The pink slips were merely a formality to meet a deadline and provide some options.

The district is required to deliver notices regarding next year's teaching positions by March 15, so did so today as a precautionary measure to accommodate shortfalls in the budget.

Under the preliminary plan to eliminate teachers and programs, the district can save as much as \$300,000 on the 1996-97 budget.

If the option becomes reality, eliminated teachers would include those in kindergarten through high school. The elementary school vocal music program would be cut and some class sizes would increase. Non-certificated positions do not require the March 15 notice deadline, so will be considered at a later date.

NOTE: Please see page 4 of this issue for details of the District's budget worries.



Award winner

At a recent American History essay competition, Catherine Franks delivered a paper inspired by her grandmother Catalina Gomez Jayubo. Mrs. Jayubo's history, sketched by her granddaughter, revealed mind-boggling strength. While her husband, captured on Bataan during World War II, was in a Japanese prison camp, the petite woman saw to the safety of her older children and invalid mother in the Philippines. Her husband lived through the imprisonment, continued serving in the U.S. Army for 34 years, and they raised a family nine. At the D.A.R.-sponsored event, her granddaughter was honored as an outstanding young citizen. Photo by Gloria Grenfell, Commodore Sloat Chapter, D.A.R.

PGMS students earn DAR essay awards

Pacific Grove Middle School students who won American History Essay Contest awards are Andrew Herndon, receiving a \$50 savings bond, and Joeleane Lucido who won a medal.

Certificates of achievement went to Ryan Bitter, Katie Hosteny, Christy Root, Holly Marie Stang and Andrew Way. Their topic was "Explorers of America."

Among Peninsula eighth graders presented with Good Citizenship medals were Jennifer Lovell of PGMS, Christine Reynolds of York, Kristin Ann Thomas of RLS, Elizabeth Belanger of Santa Catalina, Courtney Butorac of Junipero Serra, and Ryan Bogart of All Saints.

The Commodore Sloat chapter, DAR, invited families and teachers to join in the accolades at a tea in their honor on Feb. 20th at First Presbyterian Church, Monterey.

Event chair Autrey Maroun said criteria for the citizenship medals includes service, courage, leadership and patriotism.

Police capture drug laboratory in Safeway parking lot

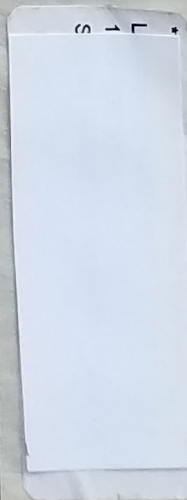
A mobile lab where Methamphetamine was apparently manufactured has been seized by Pacific Grove police, and one suspect is in custody.

When police observed someone removing items from under a trailer in the Safeway parking lot on Forest Hill, the subject drove off.

Officer Ralph Stanley then made a traffic stop, discovering powders, liquids and paraphernalia commonly used for drug manufacturing.

Closer investigation was made with the assistance of Sgt. Terry Pfaff of the Sheriff's Department, at which time the evidence was seized and the van impounded.

In custody is Chris Robert Sorensen, 46, Sacramento, being held on \$15,000 bail.



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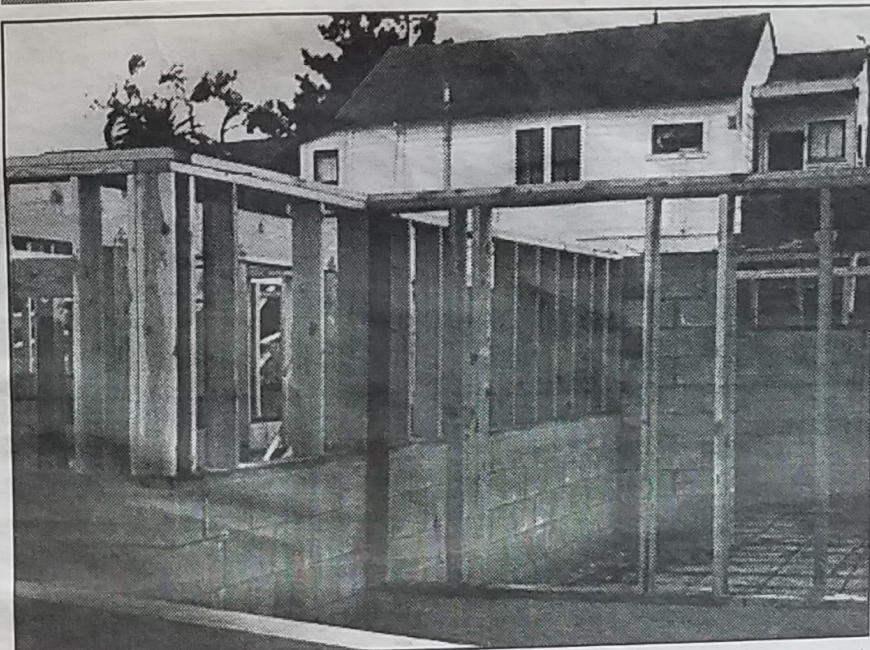
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CITY NEWS



TAKING SHAPE -- The PG Youth Center construction project is well underway and expected to be completed in October. Volunteers in the community will pick up where the budget left off, and a major benefit given by the Rudas Theater Organization will provide amenities for youth programs.

Youth Center will reopen with ongoing schedule of activities

by Janis Cain

When the new Youth Center opens its doors next fall, Jody Aliotti of the Rec Department will hit the ground running with ongoing programs put in place over the past several months.

Aliotti says the current after school program for middle and high school students attracts between 20 and 40 kids on any given day. As many as 300 kids come to the youth band concerts and about 200 to the dances.

Aliotti also takes the kids to places like Great America and Boreal Ski Resort, and organizes beach and pizza parties.

After years without programs for kids, Aliotti says the response has been strong for activities set up at the PG Rec Center during the past year.

City Council approves McPike home remodel

by Neill Gardner

Although Mayor Sandra Koffman and Councilmembers Robert Huitt and James Costello "called up" Planning Commission approval of remodeling of a dilapidated 15th Street house built in the last century, it remained for Councilman Clarence Zito to cast the lone dissenting vote when the planners decision was upheld.

Architect David Martin presented a slide show featuring pictures of the in-need-of-paint building, along with sketches of the remodeling. He also offered a Pat Hathaway photo of the original building.

Historical consultant Kent Seavey told Council the building had sat vacant for 20 years and reminded Council that the city is not bound to follow the Secretary of the Interior's guidelines.

General Contractor Ted Hermanson told Council that lengthy delays in getting approval for similar projects often results in deprivation of income for people involved.

Hitoshi Kono, a member of the Beautification Committee, said the building was "just another old house" whose interior is falling apart. He said the remodeling would be an asset to the city.

John McPike of Watsonville, a former owner of the property, said his great grandfather, Henry McPike, a San Francisco lawyer, built the "old barn" with the help of a Japanese contractor. He favored remodeling.

An unidentified speaker had a word for the building. She called it ugly.

Councilmember Huitt said he had a

problem with details of the project being approved by a subcommittee. Councilmember Steve Honegger said he had served on the Architectural Review Board and the Planning Commission for 13-odd years. "We always used committees," Honegger said.

Early on, Honegger moved to uphold the Planning Commission. His motion failed for want of a second. Councilman Vern Yadon moved to send the project back to the planners. Again there was no second.

In the end, Honegger's motion was reinstated and Council approved the remodeling. In other action, Council:

Opened the meeting with Girl Scouts offering the Pledge of Allegiance.

Heard a presentation by Jay Hudson, executive director for Community Hospital, who offered details of proposed new buildings on the old fire station site and at the rear of the hospital. He promised a restored hillside, underground parking and a plan that will be effective through 2002.

Told City Manager Mike Huse to explore turning Affordable Housing loan program over to Connerly & Associates of Sacramento.

Asked staff to explore CalTrans relinquishment of Highway 68.

Continued until April 3 discussion of Johnny Miller's home on Sunset Drive.



Attila Horvath

Horvath is new school resource officer

Attila Horvath, police officer, father, and black belt in the martial art of Hapkido, has been named School Resource Officer for Pacific Grove. A veteran of 14 years with PGPD, Officer Horvath will move to his new office at PG High School on April 1.

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Employee of the Year

Chief Planner Judy MacClelland has been named Pacific Grove Employee of the Quarter by the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce. The presentation will be made Tuesday, March 19, at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, 5:30 pm. Chamber members attending are invited to join in an exclusive tour of the Outer Bay galleries. Call 373-3304 for details.

The award is presented annually to a city staff member who "served Pacific Grove businesses above and beyond the call of duty," reported Chamber Director Moe Ammar.

MacClelland has been a Community Development Department employee since 1973. She holds a masters degree from Harvard Graduate School of Education, and is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Institute of Certified Planners.

January popular with tourists

Numbers are way up at the Monterey Visitor Center. For the month of January, a total of 12,379 visitors passed through the Center, an increase of 74% over January of '95. Average daily attendance rose from 230 to 399, but 938 showed up on Saturday, Jan. 13. The February visitor numbers came to 13,416, an increase of 19% over last year. The big day was Saturday, Feb. 17, when over 1,500 visitors came through the door. Year to date, 25,795 people have come to the Center, compared to 18,434 for the same period last year, a 40% increase.

Building Permits

The Community Development Department reports 33 building permits issued in January, with a total valuation of \$807,667. Permit, plan check and sewer fees generated \$14,776 to city coffers. February's numbers were 36 permits issued, \$961,650 valuation and fees collected totalling \$8,500. Most of the permits were for additions, remodels or alterations of homes.

More greenbacks from greens

Activity at the golf course recorded through January is up by about \$47,000 over last year. City Manager Mike Huse says revenues may exceed the estimate for the year.

Firefighters

Fire Department statistics indicate 113 incidents in January, only one of which involved fire. Firefighters responded to 72 medical calls and 40 "others." In February, PG firefighters responded to 112 incidents, five of which were fire calls (one of which was an intentionally set trash can fire at the Middle School. The suspect admitted starting the fire.) Meanwhile, firefighters are practicing for the Fire Muster to be held in conjunction with Good Old Days.

Cop statistics

Police reported 37 serious crimes in January, including 13 assaults, 10 burglaries, and 12 reports of theft. Of the 58 arrests made during January, 10 were juveniles. Traffic officers reported 21 accidents involving four injuries. A total of 139 citations were issued during the month, along with 425 warnings, mostly for moving violations.

Cable fees

MPTV Cable turned over PG's share of franchise fees and utility users tax payments, amounting to nearly \$15,000 for the month of December.

PG Police blotter

PG Middle School — Arson investigation.

500 Blk Lighthouse — Yellow Cab jumped curb, struck building, broke through window.

Up in the sky — subjects, including two PGPD officers spot three unidentified flying objects which disappeared into the horizon during observation.

PG Middle School — School officials and students report woman flashing her buttocks and vagina on school grounds.

1200 Blk. Lawton — Gas siphoned from vehicle during the night.

Asilomar Beach — Man says he was intentionally struck by silver Toyota 4Runner. Minor injuries.

Asilomar area — Harassing phone call, police mediate between caller and callee.

PGHS — Vehicle vandalized.

Forest & 14th, Graffiti on trash cans in alley. Suspects gone on arrival.

900 Blk Benito — Subject says "menopausal" house guest refuses to leave and will not contribute to expenses.

Central & Dewey — Gas leak.

Hillcrest & 19th — Reckless driving by two juveniles reported racing up and down street.

1000 Blk Olmstead Ave. — Juveniles reported smoking pot and loitering, an ongoing problem.

10th & Ocean View — DUI arrest.

Marine Street — Subject hearing "transmissions" in his home has put coat hangers on the ceiling to deflect noise as well as cotton in his ears.

Little Caesar's pizza — Eggs tossed at front window.

400 Blk Junipero — Gas leak.

Laurel & 6th — Bicycle stolen. Black Diamond, Sorano Sports with front shocks.

100 Blk Lighthouse — License plate stolen.

800 Blk Jewell Ave — Attempted burglary.

100 Blk 1st — License plate seized for improper year sticker.

2000 Blk David — DUI arrest.

1100 Blk Seaview — Loud party, intoxicated subjects.

200 Blk Bentley — Juveniles tossing raw eggs at apartment.

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The 39th Annual "Good Old Days" celebration planning process is in its final stages for the April 12-14 event. As seen in this photo from last year, city officials are among those who come in costume. Additional details on the highlights of this year's celebration will be found in upcoming Beacon articles.

SCHOOL NEWS

8th graders must serve to graduate

PG Middle School has reminded eighth graders that they won't graduate to high school unless they complete mandatory hours of community service.

Every 8th grade student in Pacific Grove is expected to do 16 hours of volunteer work helping others in the community. Students who have not been enrolled for all of their 7th and 8th grade years are required to do four hours for each semester enrolled.

While many have completed the requirement, some have not. A few have not even started, and the cut-off date for this year is May 31.

In addition to community service opportunities posted at school, students are encouraged to find their own qualifying activities. The guideline is that the activity must benefit the community and offer no remuneration to the student.

Winners of Robert Down spelling bee

Over 100 students participated in this year's Lyceum Spelling Bee. After three grueling rounds, Emily Moon and Shawn Stocker emerged as Robert Down's top

spellers; Steven Elias and Brooke Pettit were the alternates. At the finals, Shawn was the winner and Emily placed third out of the 34 students competing from Carmel, Monterey and Pacific Grove, as well as a host of private schools. Two top winners from one school!

The Family Reading Night is a continuing success story. Robert Down has been averaging 50-60 people who have enjoyed a great variety of readers and stories. Tonight, March 15, the guest readers are PG Public Library's Lisa Madelena and Jeanne McCombs, treating listeners to their readings from 7 to 7:45 pm.

The Fifth Grade Science Camp is scheduled for March 25-29. All Robert Down fifth grade students will be learning — first hand — ecological science, exploring the great outdoors, and teamwork skills, during this unique experience.

The entire month of March is Marine Science month. All grade levels, throughout the PG School District, will be emphasizing marine science.



American History Essay Contest winners from PG Middle School were, left to right: Andrew Way, Katie Hosteny, Ryan Bitter and Joeleane Lucido. Commodore Sloat Chapter, D.A.R. sponsored the competition. Photo by Gloria Grenfell.

District forecasts staff and teacher layoffs

News from PGUSD

Because funds generated from property taxes have not kept pace with the cost of educating Pacific Grove's students, the Pacific Grove Unified School District foresees cuts in personnel, including teachers. The District's goal — to provide an above-average program with only average funding — is being challenged by shortfalls for the 1995-96 term. Interim Superintendent of Schools Jay Cobb reports the current level of expenditures cannot be continued for the 1996-97 school year.

AT A RECENT joint meeting of the School District and the PG City Council, discussion focused on the current financial situation and ways to meet the challenge of limited resources.

Critical factors included a recognition that over 80% of the District's revenues are from property taxes that have been increasing by an average of less than 2% per year over the past three years. This minimal increase has not kept pace with the increase in District expenditures. The District is, therefore, currently operating at approximately \$300,000 over current year revenue projections and will not be able to continue at this level for another year.

Sustained revenue increases would only come as a result of significant increases in the property tax base with the District boundaries or through a significant increase in the level of State funding.

IF THE PARCEL TAX had passed, this deficit would have been addressed. With the failure of the parcel tax, the District is actively reviewing its operations to determine ways to reduce expenditures. It was noted that significant expenditure reductions unfortunately will mean a reduction in personnel, including teachers, because over 85% of the District's budget is committed to personnel expenses.

It was noted the District is currently operating at a funding level of approximately \$4,400 per student, which is about average for the County and State. This expenditure level places the State of California at 40th in the nation.

Additionally, as with most school districts in the state, no funding is being set aside for significantly improving the District's deteriorating facilities.

DURING THE JOINT meeting, Council members expressed interest in supporting the District in communicating with their State contacts concerning issues that may be beneficial to improving our financial status and working with the District on local fundraising efforts. It was noted that the District will again be reviewing the possibility of charging developer fees on new residential and commercial construction as a way to augment its facility improvement budget. Based on past hearings, however, there may be a difference of opinion as to the appropriateness of leveling this fee, and as to its potential revenue im-

pact.

ALSO DISCUSSED:

Current and future cooperative activities were discussed regarding youth activities (including the Youth Center), Before and After School Recreation and Day Care Programs (including students with special handicapped needs), joint use of facility considerations related to youth activities, senior housing, civic center complex, maintenance and service needs, water conservation project and other possibilities.

School officials and City officials talked about the importance of developing and implementing local government issues and roles in the Social Studies and Government curriculum.

Enthusiastic experiences were shared over the benefit of "on the job" days shadowing school and city officials, i.e., Mayor, City Manager and Police Chief, along with teachers, principals and Superintendent of Schools. Coordination efforts will be examined immediately to revive these important and worthwhile "hands on" experiences for students and staff.

Scholarships available for PGUSD teachers

The Rancho San Carlos Education Foundation has announced its fifth annual awards program for private, parochial and public schools teachers in Monterey County who have successfully integrated and outdoor curricula.

A special award recognizing volunteer docents and naturalist who share nature with children and their families will also be given. Cash awards of \$500 and \$250 will be presented successful applicants.

Dr. Jeffrey Fork president of the Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History, and current president of the foundation says, "The involvement of teachers and parents is critical to the development of children's passion and lifelong caring for wild places and wild things."

We cannot overstate the role of teachers in creating a conservation ethic in our society starting with their students, and the Rancho San Carlos Education Foundation is pleased to express its appreciation of these educators through this annual awards program."

The foundation is particularly interested in creative learning opportunities that feature nature study in a broad range of curricular areas including whole language studies, mathematics, science, visual arts and social studies.

One award will be given to a teacher in each of the four grade levels: pre-k through kindergarten; first grade through fifth; sixth through eighth; ninth through twelfth; and to volunteer docents/naturalists.

The Foundation was formed in 1991 to support education and community programs which foster the sensitive integration of people with their natal environment in Monterey County. Its aim is to encourage excellence in education focused on the natal environment and

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to provide educational opportunities to teachers and other adults who may, in turn, share their experiences with children and other adults.

Application information is available by writing the foundation. The deadline for completed applications is April 1, 1996. Winners will be announced at an awards luncheon and hike at Rancho San Carlos in late spring.

For more information or an awards application please contact the Rancho San Carlos Education Foundation, 34140 Robins Canyon Road, Carmel, or call 408/648-8236.

Scholarship awards for Peninsula seniors

The Monterey Bay Republican Women Federated plan to award three scholarships totaling \$1,000 to local high school seniors on the Monterey Peninsula.

Students wishing to apply should contact Connie Perry at 647-9225 for an application packet. Applications are also available in the Career Departments of the local high schools.

Awards will be based on written essays of approximately 300 words or less on the theme "Why I'm Proud to be an American," along with a resume of student activities, interests and career goals. Deadline for applications is May 1.

Tips For Living Safely from the PG Police Department

Parents — Don't let your family go down the tube....

* Set limits on what children can watch. Homework and a meal with the family takes priority.

* Watch TV with your children and talk about what each of you liked and didn't like.

* Set an example. Carefully choose your own programs and the amount of time you watch television.

* Make one room a TV-Free Zone — a comfortable place to read, talk and listen with no television set.

* Don't use TV as a baby-sitter.

* Encourage your children to spend their free time in activities such as sports, hobbies, playing with friends, or reading, rather than sitting in front of the tube.

* Limit video games to half-hour a day. Use a kitchen timer.

* Look for TV programs that encourage kids to do something - build a treehouse, start a hobby, held out at home, volunteer to help someone. Look for TV programs that relate to a book, something your child is studying, an experience from your own childhood or that of a relative.

* Don't use TV as a reward or punishment.

* If you find a TV ad offensive, write or call the advertiser and the station.

* And, above all — Turn off the VIOLENCE.



THESE MEMBERS of the Interact Club at Pacific Grove High School raised money for their club service projects by hashing food at last Saturday nights Crab Feed at the PG Rec Center. The Club is sponsored by the PG Rotary Club which purchased and prepared the dinner attended by over 150 Rotarians, guests and friends. Pictured above are Gai Won Kim, Wendy Root, Gabriel Monette, Tyson, Veronica Campbell, and Lisa Balesteri. The students dished up salad, pasta, garlic bread, crab. Beacon photo by Eric Colby

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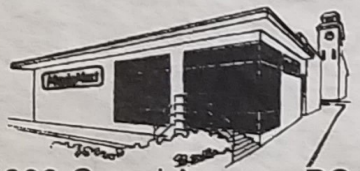


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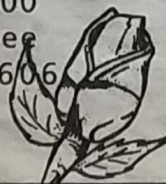
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FEATURES

Making a difference; a big buddy

by Janis Cain

Nolan Brown is pretty well traveled for a pre-teen. Along with his mom, little sister and older brother, he has moved 14 times, never remaining in one town long enough to finish the year in the same school.

Off the fast track for the past two years, Nolan and his family have now found their niche in Pacific Grove.

"MY MOM — a great mom — is a nurse," Nolan told the Beacon. "I know nothing of my dad, but Mom's 'almost' fiancé is a pretty nice guy, with a teenage son, who lives with us. We live in a good neighborhood, have an apartment we can afford, and — plus! — I finally have what I've been waiting for."

What Nolan was waiting for was a Big Buddy.

Nolan is not someone you would pick out of a crowd as being needy. His round face is a mass of smiles, dimples, glasses, and an expression of constant awareness. He admits to an IQ of over 140 and to being a straight A student (who plans to skip 8th grade and graduate from high school by the time he's old enough to drive).

What the future quantum physicist says he craved was a little undivided attention, some bowling, and maybe a pizza.

TONY SCHIFFER HAD already raised a son when he moved to Pacific Grove from Connecticut in '91. He and his longterm girlfriend settled into one of PG's historic homes. Then, by chance, through another volunteer effort, he was encouraged to become a Big Buddy and a "match" was made in November of '94. Tony agreed to share four hours per week with his Little Buddy, Nolan Brown.

"It's fun to see the changes as he grows older," Tony told the Beacon. "I'd like to think maybe I had a positive impact on him.... something that will make him a better person when he grows up."

Over the 16 months of their buddyship, Nolan notes that Tony has never canceled on him. Tony and Nolan build model planes, go to the movies, hike, camp, travel, bowl, talk and eat.

"The Buddy Program people did a good job of pairing us up," says Nolan. "With Tony, I have a chance to get away from my brother and his friends — we have very different lifestyles — and to have someone to talk to."

MORE THAN 25 YEARS ago, a Pacific Grove businessman realized many children in his community were in need of some one-on-one attention, a role model, and a friend. Children from disadvantaged or single-family homes, he observed, could easily miss out on opportunities others took for granted and possibly slip through the cracks of society.

In 1971 he established The Buddy Program, wherein adult volunteers are matched with children for a few months or longer. Since 1980, the program has been funded in part by the United Way of Monterey Peninsula. Additional funds come from individuals, foundations, businesses, organiza-

Eco-Corps plans another work party to plant trees Saturday

Saturday March 16 at 10pm is the time scheduled by the Eco-Corps for a work party to continue improvements to Washington Park. The group will be putting Pine seeds into growing tubes for next year's plantings.

Enthusiasts will meet at the Picnic Area on Alder Street. Bring gloves. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Call 375-2140 for more info.

On January 20, the group gathered two dozen folks and planted 69 pine seedlings and 50 understory plants. Volunteers made sturdy wire enclosures to protect them from deer.

Recently Eco-Corps was chosen, by the Barnyard in Carmel, to be a non-profit organization to receive a sizable donation from proceeds generated at an Garden Event to be held at the shopping center's plaza April 27. The event will feature lectures, displays, and garden accessories.

Eco-Corps meets at 7pm on the second Wednesday of each month at the Museum of Natural History, Central at Forest Avenues.

tions and also from an auxiliary group, The Clown Troupe.

SUPPLY AND DEMAND is the biggest worry. As of press time, 15 little boys and three little girls were on the waiting list. Currently, 50 Big Buddy/Little Buddy matches have been made, from Carmel Valley to Marina. All areas are in need of adult Buddies.

The only requirement for Big Buddies is that they have an interest in helping kids and be over 18 years of age. After the screening process, matches are made, based on personality, interests, and geographic location.

As Big Buddy Tony Schiffer told us, "Anyone who is even thinking about it should call." Many find the Big Buddy of the Monterey Peninsula program unlike any other volunteer effort in that the rewards are so personal.

Little Buddies are boys and girls between the ages of

six and 16 who are referred by parents, teachers, counselors or social service agencies. Sometimes, children refer themselves.

Inside the Buddy Program

by Nolan Brown

Seventeen months ago I enrolled in a program called the Buddy Program. I expected that I would never even get a Big Buddy, but to my surprise, within 2 1/2 months, I had a rather good match with a man named Tony Schiffer. It was a surprise to me that I would be given a Buddy in that short length of time.

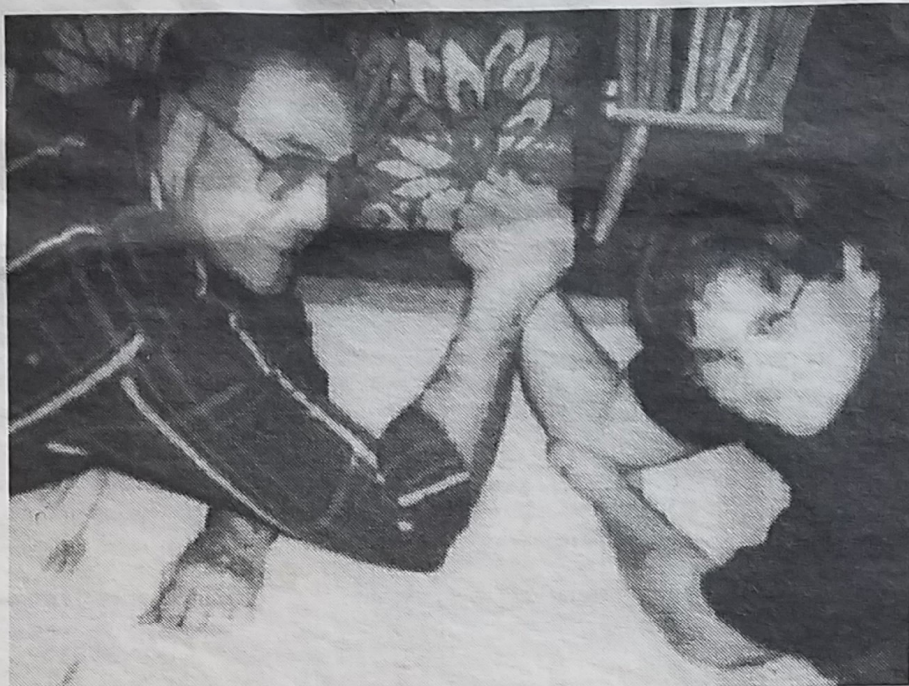
In the Buddy Program they suggest that the Big Buddies act as role models, though I think that they picked the wrong word for the description of the role that they play in some people's lives. If I had to describe the Big Buddy I was given, it would be in two words: Best Friend.

But not all kids are so lucky. My brother for instance. He started the Buddy Program at the same time as me but at his age it is very unlikely to get a Buddy. There are not a lot of Big Buddies yet; I am asking anyone interested — if you like kids — to please call the Buddy Program at 655-9231.

The things Big and Little Buddies do together really vary — like going to the park, or building a remote control plane like I did. There are many things we do in the Buddy Program, but as a kid I prefer the more fun things over washing the car or just walking.

The Buddy Program is pretty good for such a small organization. Sadly, most of the kids come from broken homes, or kids with only one parent or guardian, and need another adult around. The supply and demand numbers are way off, though, with more kids wanting adults than adults wanting kids.

My experiences with Tony have been very good. We have gone to movies, we work on cars, and we even go camping sometimes. There are about 50 pairs of Buddies and there is none better than Tony and me.



Big Buddy Tony Schiffer of Pacific Grove donates about four hours each week to the Little Buddy who calls him his "best friend." Photo by Janis Cain.



Nolan Brown and "big buddy" Tony Shiffer

ELECTION NEWS



Dave Potter



Jeff Davi



Zan Henson

Three seek your vote for 5th supe

Dave Potter has active public service record

by Neill Gardner

Dave Potter, vice mayor of Monterey, was elected to City Council in 1992 after serving four years on the Architectural Review Board and two years on the Planning Commission.

Potter is a member of the Monterey History and Art Association, State Theater Preservation Group, American Planning Association and chairs the Monterey City Youth and Family Task Force.

He chairs the Transportation Agency of Monterey County and is a member of the TAMC Executive Rail Committee. An ex-officio member of the Fort Ord Reuse Agency, he also is a director of Monterey Salinas Transit.

Potter is the Monterey County representative to the Coastal Rail Coordinating Council, is on the Monterey Airport District Liaison Committee, Monterey Peninsula Unified School District Liaison Committee, and Monterey Property Development Committee.

Potter says he has the experience and skills "to convince other members of the Board of Supervisors to join in voting against destructive projects."

He was one of the first elected officials to speak out strongly against the New Los Padres Dam.

Potter and his wife Patricia have a son, Tyler, 14 and daughter Sarah, 11, who attend Robert Louis Stevenson School.

Jeff Davi resume lists host of committee jobs

by Neill Gardner

Jeff Davi's list of endorsements reads like a Who's Who of movers and shakers in the Fifth Supervisorial District. His resume names 13 community service agencies on which he has served as an official or member.

Holding a BS in Economics and Business Administration from Saint Mary's College, Davi attended Robert Louis Stevenson High School in Pebble Beach.

+He was named Realtor of The Year in 1993 by the Monterey Peninsula Association of Realtors. He is active in the family business, A. G. Davi Ltd.

"We must maintain the delicate balance between our wonderful environment and the economic viability of our area, just as our forefathers did," a Davi brochure reads.

+Davi supports maintaining open space on the ocean side of Highway One at Fort Ord, alternatives to four-laning of Carmel Valley Road and careful management of growth.

+Davi's great grandfather, Antonino, came to Monterey in 1894. His grandfather's brother, James, was president of the Fisherman's Union. His father Anthony has been active in prevention of environmental damage to Monterey Bay.

+Davi and his wife Kelly have a son, Brian and two daughters, Rochelle and Alexis. He is 28 years of age.

Zan Henson will limit growth to water, roads

by Zan Henson

I am running for supervisor because I was fed up with candidates who say one thing to get elected and do the opposite once elected. I am a fifth generation Californian and I want my children and their children to be able to enjoy as beautiful a Monterey Peninsula as I have known.

I am acting upon these issues by voluntarily limiting campaign contributions to no more than \$100 per person so that I will be beholden to no one other than the voters when I am elected. I am proposing to repeal the General Plans for our community so that the plans can be revised with only that amount of growth that our water supply and roadways can handle. From my 23 years experience as a land-use attorney I know that whoever controls the General Plan controls the future.

I have more political experience than the other two candidates combined. For seven years I was a California Deputy Attorney General reviewing the land use decisions of cities and counties throughout Northern California from San Luis Obispo to South Lake Tahoe to Mendocino. This involved policy-making decisions at both the local and state level. Upon moving here 10 years ago I was elected to the Water Management Board. As a private attorney I still attend City Council and Supervisors meetings throughout California.

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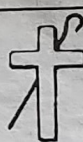
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CITY NEWS

Shore Lines

by Neill Gardner

JUST ABOUT every time it turns around, Pacific Grove City Council finds itself defending the expenditure of "the taxpayers' money" on some project that might improve the lot of the business community.

Some product of the latter-day educational system will grab the microphone to explain how capitalism is supposed to work around here.

With the exception of one Councilmember, the current crop appears to be appreciative of the need for cooperation between City Hall and business. They understand the need to prime the money pump from time to time.

IN THE late Sixties and early Seventies, it was not possible to walk through Lovers Point without getting your clothes dirty. There was no grass. The abandoned swimming pool stood sentry with rusty pipes exposed, a

sorry greeting to visitors.

No one protested when Council decided to spend a few dollars to clean up the mess. People like Don Grafton, Jim Hughes, Bob Quinn, Bill Shirey, Ed Whitaker and City Manager Gary Bales knew that luring visitors to town meant more money in the city's coffers.

They told Bob Motta, who was in charge of parks maintenance, to clean up the mess. He wiped out the hedges that provided cover for nefarious activities. He planted honest-to-goodness grass. And he replaced the old pool with a training pool and volleyball court.

COUNCIL RECENTLY honored David Bindel on the 20th anniversary of his upscale Old Bath House Restaurant at Lovers Point. It replaced Slats, an institution whose idea of remodeling was to slap on another coat of paint.

We have no idea how much revenue the Bath House and Tinnery Restaurants have generated for the city over the years. Even so, five will get you ten that it is many times what Bob Motta spent on cleaning up the mess.

Council is right when it lends a hand to the business community. It is right on when it encourages tourism and its ten per cent transient occupancy tax.

"A politician thinks of the next election; a statesman, of the next generation."

James Freeman Clarke

Church Directory of Pacific Grove



Peninsula Christian Center, (Assemblies of God), 520 Pine Ave at Fountain. Sunday worship 10:45am & 6pm. Bible study Wednesday 7 pm. Paul Wilson, Pastor. 373-0431

St. Angela's Catholic Church, Lighthouse at 9th Street. Masses: Sat-8am & 5:30 pm. Sun-8am, 10am, noon & 5:30pm. Confessions: Sat-4pm to 5pm. Daily masses: 8am and 12:10pm. 655-4160

Disciples of Christ of Pacific Grove, (Christian Church), 442 Central. Adult Bible study 9:30 am. Worship Service (including Children's Sunday School) 11am. Pastor Richard Niell Donovan. 372-0363

First Church of God 1023 David Ave., Pacific Grove. Sunday school at 9:45 am. Worship at 11 am. Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 pm. Youth Nite Friday at 6:30 pm. Pastor Tim Doramus. 372-5005

COMMUNITY NEWS

Butterfly News

from Friends of the Monarchs

As Pacific Grove says good-bye for another year to its glorious over-wintering monarch butterflies, we are absolutely awestruck at the wonder of the season we have just experienced.

After a dismal showing during the winter of 1994-95, the monarchs that arrived this year stunned us with their numbers, their size, their robust good health, and their clustering for all to see at both the Monarch Grove Sanctuary and at Washington Park.

Living among them these last few months has felt like an enchanted state of grace.

The mating ritual of over 50,000 butterflies was a brilliant ballet against blue skies beginning the weekend of February 10 and 11.

Valentine's Day was a warm and romantic wonder as hundreds of male monarchs tumbled out of the sky with their mates and then carried them up to the treetops. T

he females then rushed away to lay their hundreds of eggs in fields of milkweed in nearby valleys.

As February drew to a close, only a

few thousand monarchs remained in the trees, undoubtedly males living out their last few days here.

Being a docent has been a special joy this year because of the splendor of the monarch display and the hundreds of appreciative onlookers.

Publicity, the Pacific Grove Beacon, and word of mouth spread the good news far and wide. It was especially heartening to hear many viewers say that they were local folks who hadn't seen the monarchs for years and were thrilled to see them covering the trees again.

Visitors came from all over California, nearby states, and Hawaii. Some especially interested tourists came from France and Switzerland.

All gave our docent program rave reviews. Evident from recent long lists of news and renewing members, many visitors have chosen to support our continuing efforts with donations and memberships.

We're proud of the educational outreach program we have accomplished this year and look forward to resuming this next autumn.

McPherson named to Coastal Conservancy

Assemblyman Bruce McPherson (R-Santa Cruz/ Monterey) has been appointed to the California State Coastal Conservancy.

The Conservancy is a state agency established in 1976 to protect, restore and enhance coastal resources, and provide public access to the coast. The Coastal Commission, meanwhile, is a district agency which regulates land use along the coast and is responsible for building permits.

As a member of the Conservancy, McPherson says he will work toward goals of: improving public access to coast and bay shores; protecting coastal wetlands; restoring urban waterfronts; acquiring environmentally valuable coastal lands; and agricultural preservation.

"I look forward, as a member of the Conservancy," McPherson said, "to now having an even greater opportunity to work with government, citizens and the private sector in developing creative approaches that will preserve California's coast for future generations."

New Monterey newsbriefs

by Janis Cain

Kathi DeMaria, President of the New Monterey Business Association, told the Beacon this week of progress on her efforts to improve the retail opportunities in New Monterey.

Although not a retail business, Cary Norman's and his Can-Tron manufacturing business will complete the move from Pacific Grove to New Monterey on May 1.

Norman, well known in PG as the man who gave up on PG after wrangling with city hall over the so-called "Little Red House," has purchased a brand new building on Lighthouse between Irving and Prescott. The original builder reportedly went bankrupt before moving in and Norman was the successful bidder when it went on the auction block.

"After seeing that beautiful building remain unoccupied for about 18 months," DeMaria said, "we are all pretty excited about Cary Norman bringing his clean manufacturing company our way."

WORK IS progressing on the street-widening projects, to provide more parking in the area of Lighthouse and Irving.

FOR THE FIRST time, traffic signal lights are going up at the intersections of Irving and Lighthouse, and Dickman and Lighthouse. Both intersections had been the scene of several accidents.

A DEVELOPER has purchased the property at McClelland and Lighthouse, the vacant lot where McDonalds was denied their bid to build a restaurant. "Now that someone has bought the land and will develop the vacant lot," DeMaria said, "we hope someone will be encouraged to develop the opposite corner, another eyesore."

COMPLETION of the sidewalk tree planting project will be completed in the near future, with activity slated for early April.

THE WEEKEND of July 13-14 has been designated for a fundraiser in Scholz Park, where senior citizens center is located. Proceeds will further the development and beautification of Lighthouse Avenue, so mark your calendars now.

Methodists to perform church drama in April

The First United Methodist Church of Pacific Grove will present the Chancel drama, *Lord, Is It I?* by Frederick S. Thompson, on Thursday, April 4, and Friday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. The drama presented is based on Leonardo DaVinci's masterpiece of the Last Supper.

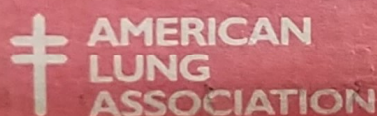
Actors will present the intrepid thoughts of each disciple at the moment Christ has told them that one sitting at the table would betray him.

At the close of the performance, communion will be served. The church is located at Sunset and 17 Mile Drive. The public is welcome. Admission is free. Call 372-5875 for more info.

Inspirational Gems

Compiled by Marilyn Bell
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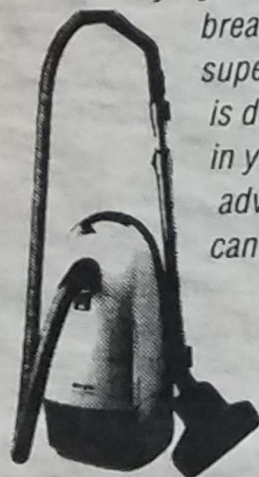


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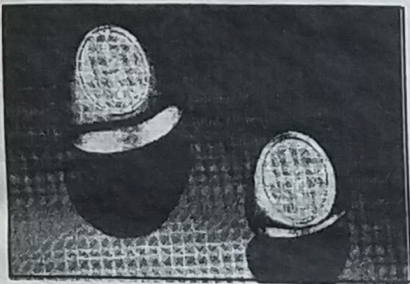
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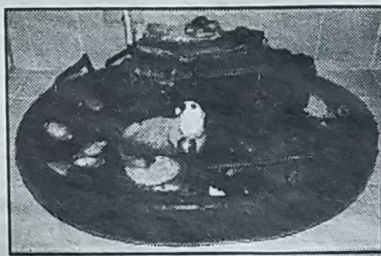
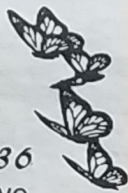
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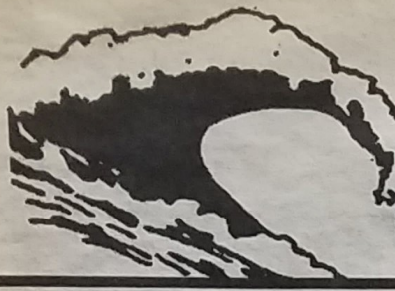
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Pacific Grove High School NEWSBREAKER

Sadie Hawkins, a long time tradition, is scheduled for March 20th

It is time for the annual Sadie Hawkins dance once again.

The Sadie Hawkins dance comes only once a year and is generally known as the one dance that the girls can ask the guys.

This theme is a little outdated for the 90's, because this is a time of equality, but it is a tradition that has been kept for a long time. Sadie Hawkins comes from the play *Little Abnir*, where there is only one day during the year when the women could ask the guys into marriage. The story has it that the woman would wake up fresh in the morning and the first male that she would see would

be the man she married. The girl is then supposed to force the men into marriage and from this story comes the Sadie Hawkins dance. To make things even more traditional, there will be a Marrying Sam booth, where you can get married for free, and even get a certificate that claims you are married until the dance is over or until death do you apart. (whichever comes first).

This event will take place on Saturday, March 23, from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. If you choose to by your tickets ahead of time, the cost per person will be \$3.50 with ASB card and \$5.00 without an ASB

card. However, if you choose to by your tickets at the door, prices will go up substantially to a price of \$7.00 with ASB and \$10.00 without. Note that guest tickets must be bought in advance, no exceptions.

The dress for this event will be casual; jeans, cowboy hats/boots, etc. The school rules used for Winter Ball will apply to this dance as well, i.e. no big bags, no drugs, no alcohol, etc. You know what the rules are.

This dance will also feature a D.J. The Senior class officers and committee members are trying to book the same person used for the last two dances, be-

cause of the overwhelming positive feedback that was received.

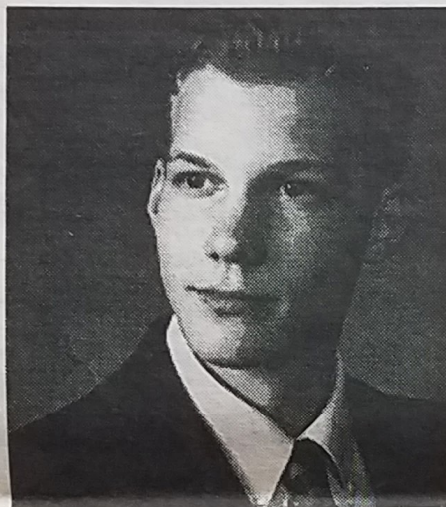
The Sadie Hawkins Dance, traditionally put on by the Senior Class has decided on having a court consisting of all males, and one lone female Senior, who will be the Cowgirl Queen. There will be a Freshman, Sophomore, and a Junior prince, along with two senior attendants and one lucky guy will be crowned the Senior King.

Get on your cowboy boots and get ready for some ho down fun. And girls: Hurry up and ask that cowboy to be your man, before he gets snagged.

Erik Telford selected Student of the Month

Senior Erik Telford has been selected as the student of the month for March. A very talented young man, Erik is the lead trumpet player for the high school's award winning jazz band. He also participates in the Monterey Jazz Festival and has been a member of many CCS and Honor bands, traveling around the world. In addition to participating in plays and musicals on and off campus, Erik has also made an appearance as "Padre Man" during Carmel Week. A skilled poet and mathematician, Erik adds incredible entertainment to the daily bulletin at PGHS as half of the well-known Black and White Productions team. Maintaining a 3.43 GPA, Erik holds down a part time job, and is the leader of a local quartet. Because of his amazing accomplishments in music, the Monterey Jazz Festival presented him with a professional quality trumpet. Listen for his musical talents in

school and local bands and look for his stupendous acting ability as the hero at California's First Theatre in Monterey. Congratulations Erik and best wishes for a successful future.



Erik Telford

Taking a Stand in History...

This Saturday, March 16th, students from all over Monterey County will be competing in the Monterey County History Day competition. This annual event will be held at Monterey Peninsula College this year due to an increase in size that has made the event too large for its usual location at Pacific Grove High School.

Each year the National History Day Association in Maryland, chooses a theme that the participants base their projects upon. This year's theme is "Taking A Stand in History: Individuals, Groups, Movements."

Monterey County History Day lasts two days with judging of papers, group and individual projects, group and individual media, and group and individual performances on Saturday the sixteenth.

On Sunday the seventeenth, the public is encouraged to attend the award ceremony at 1:00 p.m. in Lecture Forum 103 at MPC. Public viewing of projects will also take place on Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the MPC gym.

Winners in both the Middle School and High School categories, will represent Monterey County in the State Finals in Sacramento in May. Good luck to all participants.

Powers, Lorca, awarded All-league honors

Congratulations go out to Seniors, Alex Lorca and Danny Powers who were not only selected as All-League players but were recognized to be on the All-County Boys Basketball team in the Mission Trail Athletic League.

In addition, the Sophomore star, Eddie Banaszek, was given Honorable Mention for his great season, and Senior Jay Peiffer was named to the All Defensive Team.

On the girls team, Jenny Nickerson received the lone award of Honorable Mention for her outstanding performance this year.

All these players and their respective teams played extraordinarily well. The boy's Basketball team made history as they became the first to make it to the C.C.S. semifinals. Congratulations on a season well played.

Sick of the food? So are we.

by, Alexis Filippini

Four years ago, the administration brought food from local establishments to the P.G. High lunch hour because of the campus closure during lunch. Slowly this service has dwindled down to Domino's Pizza being the only addition to the cafeteria.

This concern was recently expressed at the ASB meeting. A committee including Angela Schuck, the ASB president and other committee members met with Mr. Black to discuss the addition of different foods on campus.

The committee asked Mr. Black why the various foods had been eliminated for campus, such as Subway, Port of Subs, McDonald's and Round table. He said that they were eliminated for a variety of reasons, but mainly because the restaurants lost money. Mr. Black wanted the student to know that the "imported" food would generally cost a little bit more than it would in the actual restaurant to a contract with the food service.

The committee is now looking into receiving this service. The week before the February Break, Round Table served pizza for a trial period, and other restaurants are being approached.

ASB President, Angela Schuck feels that outside food would be a good addition to the lunch hour. "When the campus was closed, they said that we would have outside food offered on campus. Hopefully we will be able to have this addition." If you would like to offer input on this issue, put a note in the ASB Presidents box in the front office, so that you can voice your opinion as well.

Blood Drive- it doesn't hurt, really

It is that time of the year again, the annual blood drive will take place on March 20th in the school library.

Every year PGHS has put on the blood drive in support to those who are in need of blood on the Monterey Peninsula. In conjunction with the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula Blood Program, PGHS usually gathers around 75 to 80 donors a year.

The public is welcome and the drive begins at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at 2:30 p.m.

Students who are 15 years old, need a parental or guardian signed permission slip in order to donate, as well as an okay from the medical director at the drive. Students 16 years old, need a signed permission slip. Anyone older can donate, permitting they meet the weight requirement.

Sign-ups to donate will take place in the main corridor during lunch until March 19th. If you have any further questions, please feel free to ask Monette Gabriel or Mrs. Coulter.

Are you stealing?

You been in the school library lately? If so you probably have noticed the new theft detector system.

The new system is in response to the numerous book theft, since the beginning of the school year.

"The new system was not needed, cut in the long run the system will save the library money, meaning that we can spend that on better stuff for you.", says Mrs. Anderson.

If someone is deliberately trying to steal books, they will be punished. So don't you dare try to steal books, or you WILL BE CAUGHT! HA HA HA.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Local restaurants raise big bucks

Local restaurants recently joined the fight against hunger by donating a portion of the day's income, including bar receipts, to the food bank of Monterey County.

"We are very impressed with the commitment to the fight against hunger that local restaurants have shown. All restaurants were very enthusiastic in their support of this fundraiser," said Marci Huston, Executive Director.

Last year's event raised over \$7,500.00. Because the food bank is able to distribute \$11 worth of food for every \$1 donated, the \$8,000 to \$10,000 expected income from this year's Dining out/Helping out will result in the distribution of up to \$110,000 worth of food to hungry people in our community.

The need for emergency and supplemental food continues to increase by about 20% every year in Monterey County.

The food bank was established in 1983 and became an autonomous non-profit organization dedicated to leading community efforts in the awareness and

elimination of hunger in Monterey County.

FBMC supplies food to the community through a network of over 110 local non-profit agencies, as well as direct distribution programs. It is the largest supplier of emergency and supplemental food in the county, distributing over 9 million pounds yearly.

More than 32,000 hungry people receive food through the food bank each month; the majority are families with children or senior citizens.

For information call 758-1523 or 372-9163

Participating restaurants in PG and Monterey included:

- El Cocodrilo;
- Fifi's Cafe;
- Fishwife at Asilomar Beach;
- Pablo's Mexican Restaurant;
- Pepper's Mexicali Cafe.
- Bradley's Harbor-Front Restaurant;
- Character's Sports Bar & Grill;
- O'Kane's Irish Pub;
- Plaza Tree Broiler at the Doubletree;
- The Warehouse Restaurant.

Free WAVE rides this weekend and next

Due to the popularity of the new Outer Bay galleries and increased aquarium attendance, a free shuttle will run from Monterey's downtown parking garages to Fisherman's Wharf, Cannery Row and the aquarium on the weekends of March 16-17 and March 23-24. Shuttles will run every 12 to 15 minutes from 9 am to 6:30 pm. Highway and city signage will direct visitors to parking and shuttle service.

Aquarium hours have been extended as well. Hours on weekends through April 2, and daily March 30, through April 14 are 9 am to 6 pm.

After the free shuttle weekend rides, visitors can ride the WAVE for \$1 per day from March 30 to April 14 and again from May 25 to September 2, from 9 am to 6:30 pm. The Wave runs every 10-12 minutes from Del Monte Center and downtown garages to Fisherman's Wharf, Cannery Row and the aquarium, and from the aquarium to Pacific Grove/Asilomar every 30 minutes.

Community Hospital Newsbriefs

Parent Bereavement Support Group meets on the fourth Monday of every month, 7-9 pm in the Outpatient Surgery Center. Call 625-4626 for details.

The Amputee Support Group meets on the third Thursday of every month, 4-5 pm in the main conference room. Call 625-4835 for more information.

S.H.A.R.E., a support group for parents who have lost a baby through miscarriage, still birth or newborn death meets on the second Monday of every month, 7-9 p.m. Call 625-4773.

Breast feeding classes are offered every Wednesday. Call 625-4704.

Breast self-exam classes are offered

on the first Monday of every month 6:30 pm is the CHOMP Mammography Center, 880 Cass St., Monterey. Call 372-6106 to register for the free class.

The Arthritis Support Group meets on the fourth Thursday of every month, 2-3 pm, in the Rehabilitation Services Department at CHOMP. Call 625-4835 for details.

The Lou Gehrig's Disease support group meets on the second Tuesday of every month, 4-5 pm, Conference Room A. Call 625-4835 for details.

The Alzheimer's Family Support Group meets every other Thursday, 1-2:30 pm. Call 625-4606 for details.

The Diabetes Support Group meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Call 625-4644.

Cholesterol Testing is available every Monday and Thursday, 10 am - 3 pm, at the CHOMPS Satellite Lab, 1010 Cass St, Monterey. Call 649-1277.

Heart Smart Cooking CHOMP is offering a heart-smart cooking class at 9 pm tomorrow March 16. To register call 625-4708

Cancer Education Class for families and caregivers meets from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19.

Intervention workshop 10 am to 12:30 pm on Saturday, March 16, at the Community Hospital Recovery Center, 576 Hartnell Street in Monterey. To register, call 373-0924.

Cancer Prevention will be held at Chomp from 9 am to noon on Saturday, March 16. For information, Call 625-4505.

Discovery Shop seeks donations for March

The Pacific Grove Discovery Shop seeks donations for their upcoming Mad Hatter Tea Party event on Wednesday, March 20. Donations of hats, teacups, teapots, and teaspoons are needed now for this special event.

Funds raised through the shop contribute to research, education programs and direction services to cancer patients in the community.

The Pacific Grove Discovery Shop is always in need of a variety of donations such as furniture, jewelry, household items, clothing, and antiques.

For more information call 372-0688 or visit the shop at 182 Country Club Gate Center in Pacific Grove.

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May 12.....*Spring Beauties, All*—Annual Mother's Day Wildflower Walk.

June 8.....*Back to Echila't*—Early California culture with stories, songs & games.

July 20.....*Return to the Wild*—Rehabilitation Program & Wild Animal Release with the Friends of Monterey County Wildlife.

August 18.....*Hot On Their Heels*—Art and lore of tracking wildlife.

September 7.....*What's Bugging You?*—Explore the world of insects.

October 20.....*Let's Go Native*—Growing your own California native plants.

November 10..*Homelife of the Furred & Feathered*—Wildlife parents and their young.

In-Services for Early Childhood & Elementary Educators:

Next Event is March 30th—Project Learning Tree Workshop.

Field Trips & Nature Studies for Elementary Students:

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Suzanne Sawyer, Manager of Education Programs
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Pacific Grove Dining Guide

BRAZILIAN Café & Restaurant will be a surprise for you and a new eating experience you'll talk about. Unusual dishes and sauces blend ingredients and flavors from three cultures: Portugal, Italy and Africa. Try the national dish Feijoada. Dinners from 5pm Mon-Sun. 1180-F Forest Avenue. 373-2272

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Slice of Life

by Elaine Breen

"March 8, 1996, Letter to the Manager, The Silver Legacy, Reno.

Dear Sir: My husband and I spent the nights of February 21 and 22 at your hotel, Room 739...On February 23 at 8:30 am I found a \$100.00 bill on the floor...I took it to the Change desk.

The young woman called her supervisor. I asked the supervisor what the policy was in cases of this nature. She wasn't sure (perhaps it hadn't arisen before), but she thought you keep it for four days and if the owner doesn't show up, you give it to a charity.

I gave her my name, address and phone number and asked her to contact me because I am very much interested in what charity received the hundred dollars...Elaine Breen."

When old friends Jake and Dorothy called to invite us on a trip to Reno, we said Reno? The last time the four of us went to Reno we met the cast of the Misfits: Clark Gable, Marilyn Monroe, John Huston, Thelma Ritter, et al.

Marilyn was pale and shy. I wanted to help her, but all I had was a jackpot of dirty nickels. Kay Spreckels, Clark Gable's wife, looked lovely.

But on this trip it was the train ride, the most beautiful I've ever taken. (And we've slogged across the nation once or twice.) We went up in a snow storm, beginning with mists and as the California Zephyr climbed silently higher and higher, we watched the snow come down in giant cotton balls, the trees becoming tall and ghostly. Everyone in the car hushed.

Two days later on the ride down the sun was making a different world of the mountains. The heavy snow had bent the tops of the firs so that they became people. A group of choir boys in robes. A nanny and her charges. A covey of Santa elves. Novices going to chapel. Even prehistoric animals and birds.

We stopped and watched skiers as an ambulance removed a sick person from the train. We got all the details from a 12 year old Paul Revere who was covering the length of the train every few minutes. A school bus of kids waved V signs at us.

It's hard to find a place to go when you live in P.G., but I recommend the train ride to Reno in the snow.

Oh, the letter at the top? I'll keep you posted.

Senior luncheon dates

The Alliance on Aging Senior outreach Luncheon has announced its lineup for the rest of the month. Programs are held every Friday, 11:30 am, in the PG Community Center.

— March 15—The Greek Dancer by Darold Skerrett, Director.

— March 22—Terraforming by Nancy Nicholson, Ph.D. Recent research brings up questions such as: Is there "living" on other planets? Water on Mars? Oxygen in quantity on Venus?

— March 29—Hawaii: Its Island and Legends (slides) with Maple Craig, retired teacher. Maple lived on Maui for nine years, substituted in schools there, and decided to stay after falling in love with the island.

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ABOUT TOWN

Vest Pocket Gallery. "Sacred Landscapes," by Matthew Muth of Pacific Grove, is the March 1-31 exhibition at the Vest Pocket Gallery, PG. Call 657-5200 for further information.

PG Art Center. The March exhibits at Pacific Grove Art Center will be featured through April 12th:

—Central Coast Art Association Competitive, A Juried Show. Paintings in oil, acrylic and watercolor;

—Rolf Lygren: "Working California." Paintings;

—Marian Whitney: "Windows." Paintings in acrylic.

—Martha Casanave: "Thirty Years: Portraits of Monterey Peninsula Artists and Eccentrics." Black and white photographs.

Gene Walch will be the featured artist for the month of March at the Venture Art Gallery, in the DoubleTree Hotel. Hours are 10am-6pm every day. Call 372-6279 for further information.

Watercolor paintings by David K. Whitlock will be on exhibit at the Carmel Art Association Center Room Gallery March 7-April 2. Call 624-6176 for further information.

String quartet in concert. The Rackham String Quartet will appear in concert on March 15th at 8 pm in the Santa Catalina School Performing Arts Center. Accumulating numerous honors throughout the nation and abroad, the musicians have been artists-in-residence at the Aspen Music Festival and previously took first place at the Carmel Chamber Music Competition. It's a free concert but kids under 12 cannot be admitted and reservations are required. Call 655-9310 for details.

Live Theatre. Now through March 16, the Unicorn Theatre is presenting two comedies about life on love in pre-Soviet Russia with Chekhov's **Swan Song** and **The Boor**. Performances begin at 8 on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. Call 649-0259 or 633-5829 for details.

Calling all actors. The new play, **Stories of an Old House, Pacific Grove, 1885**, by Carol Marquart will be read by the screenwriter at a Plays in Progress event on March 24, 2-4 pm, at the community room of First National Bank in Monterey. Call 375-2235 for details. There's no charge and actors are especially welcome.

Portofino Presents announces its March lineup at the Pacific Grove Art Center:

Friday, March 15: **The Black Brothers**, Michael, Martin & Shay, St. Patrick's Day Preview and CD Release party.

Saturday, March 16, **Las Ramas**, An evening of Flamenco.

Saturday, March 30: **Pierre Bensusan**, French Guitarist Extraordinaire! One of the most gifted musicians on the world music scene.

All concerts start at 8 pm. Call 373-7379 for reservations. Reservations are seated first.

The Unicorn Theatre, Inc. at the Hoffman Playhouse presents Alice in Wonderland March 30-April 27.

This children's classic is an adaptation by Carey Crockett blending characters, masks, costumes, puppets and story from both Alice in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass by Lewis Carroll.

Add to this, original music by Thomas Burks, Choreography by Reed Scott and performances by Unicorn Alumni Robert Colter (Lewis Carroll), Peter Eberhardt (The Walrus & Humpty Dumpty), Cindy Womack (the Duchess), Thomas Burks and Kirsten Schmaltz as Alice. Joining Alice on her journey through Wonderland are the children and young adults of

the Unicorn's Children's Apprentice Program.

Following on the heels of the held over hit Pooh & Friends, the Unicorn Theatre expects to once again delight, enthrall and entertain children of all ages from Saturday, March 30-April 27. Shows run Saturday, at 2:00 pm and Sundays at 6:00 pm with the likely possibility of additional shows to be announced.

Call 649-0259 for reservations.

Dudley Moore. Kids, Dudley Moore and one of the great impresarios of classical music come together in Pacific Grove at an event to benefit the new Pacific Grove Youth Center.

Impresario Tibor Rudas (who brought Luciano Pavarotti to the Monterey Peninsula in 1991) presents "An Evening with Dudley Moore" at 7 pm on Saturday, April 13 at the Pacific Grove Middle School Auditorium.

Two facts set this fundraising event apart from others: The opportunity to see Dudley Moore, an internationally respected and admired composer



and performer in a rare piano performance — and — The fact that the Rudas Theatrical Organization will donate all expenses for the piano recital, with all proceeds from the ticket sales to benefit the youth Center.

How did Tibor Rudas, the man who produces Pavarotti concerts worldwide, and who will take The Three Tenors performance around the world this year, come to sponsor an event to benefit the youth of The last Home Town? The impresario, who recently rebuilt the old Grove Theatre in downtown Pacific Grove into a stylish structure that now houses his corporate offices, became aware that there was little for kids to do in Pacific Grove by watching his own children grow up on the Peninsula.

Not surprisingly, he combined this awareness with his desire to make classical music accessible to a wide audience by bringing Dudley Moore to the Monterey Peninsula, an area where he has not previously performed.

In addition to his acting abilities in comedy films such as "Arthur" and "10," Moore is also acclaimed for his piano concerts, classical and jazz albums and film scores.

Call 1-800-552-6168 for tax-deductible tickets from the Rudas Theatrical Organization.

Wild and natural photos. Katherine B. Rambo likes wild places "where the road ends" to capture natural art on film. The San Francisco Bay Area photographer holds to the thesis that "Nature was the first artist." Her work can be seen this month at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History. Her photographs depict the beauty of natural forms, attempting the "fusion of art and science." Corner of Forest and Central in downtown PG, is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm.

Raven in the Grove. Recent works in oil and pastels by Linda Purcell Satchell—expressing in rich color a strong movement of energy and depth—are on exhibit at the Raven in the Grove bookstore and art gallery, 505 Lighthouse Ave. Call 649-6057 for details.

Seminar. Dr. Marilyn Barrett presents The Creative Woman: "The Courage to Begin, The Support to Continue" on Saturday, March 23 in Monterey. Call 656-9120 for information

Festival of Strings. Performance Carmel presents A Festival of Strings, four competition winners from around the world highlighting brilliant virtuosity and endless variety, on Saturday, March 23 at 8 pm at Sunset Theater.



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8 Pacific Grove Art Center

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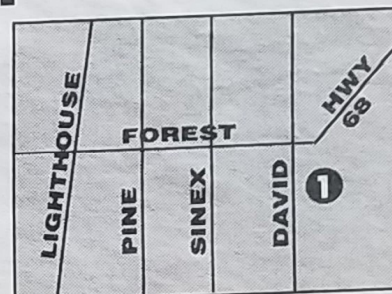
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10 Patrick's Consignment

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11 Vehicle Gallery

Featuring photography and paintings. Check About Town for scheduled shows. (In back of the Camera Exchange). 551 Lighthouse Avenue 373-0448



OPINION

Beacon's proposition picks

If you're still muldering over how to vote on propositions contained in the March 26 election, settle back in your chair and read this handy summary and ready answers prepared by our political pundit Neill Gardner.

The Beacon Recommends:

PROP. 192—EARTHQUAKE BRIDGE BONDS NO. Let's use bridge tolls to fix toll bridges.

PROP. 193—GRANDPARENT TO GRANDCHILD PROPERTY TRANSFER. YES. Helps kids whose parents are dead by avoiding reassessment on inherited property.

PROP. 194—UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR PRISONERS. YES. Released cons need all the help they can get.

PROP. 195 & 196—CARJACKING, DRIVEBY

SHOOTING. YES. Let's take off the kid gloves.

PROP. 197—MOUNTAIN LIONS. YES. Let Fish & Game do its job.

PROP. 198—OPEN ELECTIONS. YES. Let's vote for candidate, not party.

PROP. 199—MOBILHOME RENTS. YES. Rent controls are counterproductive.

PROP. 200—NO-FAULT AUTO INSURANCE. YES. This would limit fraud in insurance claims and require every driver to carry insurance.

PROP. 201—CLASS ACTION SUITS. YES. Let's stop shareholder class actions (against companies when stock values fluctuate). Unscrupulous lawyers filing frivolous suits milk the economy of millions every year.

PROP. 202—LIMITS LAWYERS' CONTINGENCY FEES. YES. When a lawsuit is settled quickly, fees limited to 15%. Ask a lawyer. Then think about it.

Davi has most balanced view

ANYONE WHO has had the privilege of witnessing debate between Supervisorial Candidate Jeff Davi and his two opponents is likely to have come away with the opinion that Mr. Davi is the best balanced of the trio.

While his opponents express sincere concern for Monterey County's environment, they offer little in the way of constructive comment as to how to handle mounting traffic problems and a stalled economy.

As a third generation resident of the Peninsula, Davi has made it clear that he appreciates his surroundings and has no agenda for their overdevelopment.

Davi's only concern should be that voters may look

on the widespread support he enjoys and conclude that there is no need to go to the polls. He must gain more than half of the votes come March 26 or face a runoff in the Fall.

That would provide an opportunity for anti-everything element to gang up on him. We should all remember what happened to Charlie Benson eight years ago. He looked like a shoo-in. Then the naysayers got together and defeated him.

The Beacon recommends your vote for Jeff Davi on March 26th — Neill Gardner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Who's town is this ?

by Bob Pacelli

Editor's Note: Bob Pacelli is a member of the city's Committee on Affordable Housing. The views expressed in this article are his own and not necessarily those of the Beacon.

I sought an appointment to the Committee on Affordable housing (CAH) a year ago in the hope that I could use my experience in the area of non-profit housing to help alleviate some of the problems in Pacific Grove. I was excited when Mayor Sandy Koffman appointed me to the committee because so many talented people were involved.

One of the original reasons the committee was formed was to be a citizen's advisory board to oversee the housing loan program.

Derived from Community Development Block Grant funds, over \$2 million in taxpayers' money was allocated for low-income housing rehabilitation in the City of Pacific Grove.

I soon learned considerable problems existed in the city's record-keeping of the grant money. In an attempt to rectify the situation, the committee began asking questions which centered around:

- *How much money the city received
- *Who the city gave it to
- *Where is it now

Our original intent in tracing the money was simply for administrative purposes, to know how much was available for the program. We felt it was our responsibility to be accountable for the taxpayers' dollars.

The responses to our questions were nothing short of bizarre, including one memorable affordable housing meeting at which the city presented one budget that was missing a year. The city still has never fully accounted for this money, and this was a serious concern of the committee.

Another concern regarded our recommendations to the city council, including:

- *asking for an audit, and
- *suggesting that the funds be admin-

istered by a local non-profit.

In response the city manager formulated in his own recommendations in which he contended that the program had been properly audited, adding that "the affordable housing program, as it currently operates is dysfunctional" and attributing this dysfunction to "a lack of trust between certain members of the committee and staff." The city manager went on to suggest that the housing advisory board be reorganized to include just council members, among other options open to the city.

The truth of the matter is that the city's own assistant financial officer, in a memo dated last Sept. 5, acknowledged that accounting errors occurred in the housing fund in two fiscal years.

Meanwhile, vacancies have gone unfilled on our important community board and have been totally ignored by the council. During this same time, the Monterey County Grand Jury had this to say about our committee:

"The Grand Jury commends the Committee on Affordable Housing for their internal inquiry and their subsequent adoption of new policies and procedures."

The city still has not provided a satisfactory explanation of what happened to the money, and now they're trying to pass on the responsibility for the fund to an out-of-town, for profit, administrator, which is a violation of the spirit of the Community Block Grant Program.

Not only do I object to going out of town for an administrator, but I particularly object to giving it to Mr. Ward Connerly of Sacramento; he was accused in a recent Associated Press story of being a "hypocrite" for accepting \$1 million in affirmative action contracts while leading the fight against affirmative action on the UC Board of Regents. While Connerly's politics might be applauded by some, he is too controversial to be administering Pacific Grove's affordable housing program.

I urge every concerned citizen to protest the idea of giving our affordable housing program to a for-profit, out-of-area, controversial, administrator.

Write, call or show up Wednesday, March 20, and tell the mayor and city council what you think. End the housing apartheid in PG!

The lady turns 80

Editor,

Call her Mrs. Pacific Grove because she really cares.

Meg is an active member of PG Women's Civic Club, PG Resident's Assn., PG Art Center, PG Friends of the Arts, Friends of Rocky Shores, PG Beautification Committee, PG ECHO Corps, PG Museum of Natural History, Chautauqua Hall Preservation Society, and founder of PG July 4th Celebration in Washington Park in an old-fashioned picnic for the purpose of honoring our veterans.

Meg Manus, while not on the PG City Council, does attend their meetings and is vocal in behalf of the public on pertinent issues, such as giving the public a vote on the future of Rancho San Carlos for which she gathered signatures to put it on the ballot; and last but not least, she is a board member of the Whitney Poetry Scholarship Foundation as a true believer in the importance of encouraging our youth to write.

Any one of the above would be a contribution to the health and happiness of the citizens of Pacific Grove, but for one person to devote time and energy to so many public endeavors is phenomenal, to say the least.

Therefore it isn't any wonder the public of Pacific Grove wish to celebrate the 80th birthday of this gracious lady, Meg Manus, and to do her just honor at a reception on March 23 (Saturday) from 2 to 5 pm at the PG Meals on Wheels, 700 Jewell Ave.

The citizens of PG are invited to come and express their appreciation for Meg's labors of love.

See you there with a piece of cake. Please, no gifts. Cards and finger food accepted.

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Thots while shaving

by Eric Colby



Signage I really like the little directional signs hand-crafted by one of our employees in the Public Works Department. As the colorful pointers keep popping up I keep learning new ways I can get to places in town. The look goes well with the new street lights. The folks who served on the Beautification Committee with Jil Steward who helped put these improvements in the works deserve some thanks.

Tax reform. Each year a part of me wants to lead a taxpayers revolt. There's perennial talk about tax reform but, like the weather, few ever do anything about it. My theory is simple and based on the principle that, because government is not responsible for earning income to meet expenses, unnecessary and inefficient government agencies should either die or start earning some money.

The IRS should be the first agency to go out of business. Taxes should be gathered by private collection agencies who earn a commission only. At our end, we stop giving anyone a big lump sum. Instead, we issue separate checks, issued in any amount we feel appropriate, to those government agencies we believe are useful. If you work in the Department of Agriculture issuing government subsidies to tobacco growers and we taxpayers would rather not issue you a check this year, unwanted government spending would probably end.

Richard Andolsen actually got a check out of Bill Murray for \$5,000 to put in the local boy's Steinbeck Museum fund. Andolsen is the man who addresses the Grove City Council regularly hoping the good people of Pacific Grove will give their blessing to what he hopes will someday become an authentic museum of Steinbeck memorabilia. Murray strikes me as just the sort of guy who could appreciate Richard. Murray's alright.

Todd Loomis, owner of the Granary Market, has completed his market research on a suggestion he move into the Holman Building. Todd really wanted to become an important part of the Grove's economic renaissance and thought long about occupying the bottom floor which opened up to that big parking lot. But he's officially given the idea up.

Richard Stillwell started the idea of having a local park full of snow during the Christmas holidays. The expense didn't get in his way of promoting money to bring a blanket of snow in. But this year he came up \$85 short. According to Moe Ammar, director of the Chamber, three Beacon out-of-town subscribers made up his deficit, upon reading of the short fall. One subscriber sent Moe \$85, another \$25, and still another \$10. It pays to advertise.

Butterflies. We've published prose and woes from those who protect the Grove's monarchs. After a few bad years when some of us cynics thought the critters were just plain tired of Pacific Grove, they made a real convention of it this year.

Meg Manus is the beneficent, but unusually dressed woman in town who can be seen floating everywhere in all-black attire looking like someone on their way to a nocturnal gathering or, perhaps, to a birthday party expecting one of Dracula's relatives to show up. I've never asked what's behind her signature wardrobe. But I've spoken with her enough times to realize what an absolutely loving woman she really is. Meg, I'm told, turned 80 recently. There's some praise given her in print by others in this issue of the Beacon. I'd like to add a gracious "good day" to you also, Meg. Nobody tops your fresh baked cookies, either.

COMMUNITY NEWS



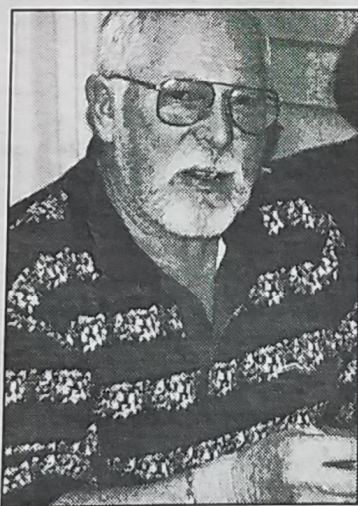
PAM NORTON, (LEFT), past president of the Pacific Grove Rotary Club, and fellow Rotarian Dick Seidenzahl, share a mirthful moment at the bar arguing over who is going to pay the bill. The two attended the Crab Feed last Saturday night sponsored by the Rotary Club, the PG High Interact Club and the PG Breakers. Beacon photos by Eric Colby



THIS AUGUST looking group of young men waited tables at the crab feed last Saturday night. From left, they are Mike Leach, Mike Tavares, Chris Tulva, Colman Peiffer, and Jay Peiffer. They dished up salad with garlic bread, pasta, and cracked crab to about 150 guests who turned out at the Recreation Center.



DAVID AND PATSY DORMEDY (above) prove able to keep up with pasta production in the kitchen. At right Don Whitsett, a veteran volunteer with the YMCA, was on hand to try the crab.



THIS GROUP of Rotarians (who shall remain nameless) were responsible for barbecuing the garlic French bread, a food product of the evening that received mixed reviews. Eager to have plenty of the stuff ready in time, these eager beavers began their culinary act so early that some felt the bread was a little crisp. Others, less discerning, absolutely loved it.



THE MAIN EVENT, crab, was flown in from somewhere and mercilessly cracked by zealous members of the PGHS Interact Club. Funds raised during the evening were for purchase of labor and materials to build new backstops or something at the high school. Our reporter was too busy eating to get any of the facts. And the evenings chairman, Gene Palermo didn't return the editor's inquiring phone call.

Rotarians and two high school clubs throw crab feed to fund campus improvements



SALLY AND GERRY SIROCKY, demonstrating how to eat Italian pasta, drew a big crowd who had never witnessed synchronized eating before. Sally was coach of her high school synchronize swimming team and has been training Gerry and their new son in art of family cooperation. They won the evening's prize for "Best Form."



ROTARIAN TED VOIGHT, sold tickets and collected money at the door. Final figures are not in yet because of a jam over at the counting house. The evening was a joint effort of the Rotarians and their high school equivalent, the Interact Club, along with help from the PG Breakers, to raise money to make physical improvements at the high school.



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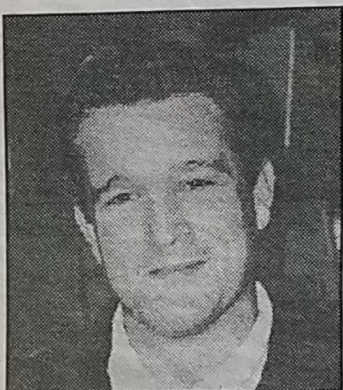
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Triathlon organizers awarded events

USA Triathlon, the United States national governing body for the sport of triathlon, recently announced it has awarded Tri-California, an event management company owned by Terry and Betsy Davis of Pacific Grove, three national championship races.

90's woman leads "Old Men's Group"

Art Alexander

The Pacific Grove Kiwanis Club is no longer an "Old Men's Group." The 90's are here. Women, as well as men, belong.

Indeed, the Club's President is an attractive young lady named Sherry Sands. Sherry's heart is in Pacific Grove. A native, she attended school here. She works and resides here. And, most importantly, contributes generously to community service in Pacific Grove.

This is Sherry's seventh year in Kiwanis. She served three years on the board of directors, a year as Treasurer, and a year as both Treasurer and President-elect. She chaired the Special Olympics committee for two years, Spiritual Aims committee and the Awards and Recondition committee.

She was the Key Club Coordinator for a year. Sherry chaired the Flower Basket Barbecue and Auction on year and decorated for many Kiwanis functions. She has six years of perfect attendance and received the "Kiwanian of the Year" award in 1992.

At age 25, Sherry felt she was old enough to assume the office of President. She has an energetic and ambitious program in mind. Her primary goals are to increase membership, restart the Builder's Club (Kiwanis youth group) at Pacific Grove Middle School and repair the bleachers on the "Breakers" athletic field at Pacific Grove High School. "Anyone interested in community service in Pacific Grove should call me at 372-4421," Sherry said, "we can use your help."

Sherry's accomplishments and activities go way back and beyond Kiwanis. Education was not easy for Sherry. She worked harder than everyone else. As a child, she had dyslexia and a severe reading disability. From elementary into high school, until she removed herself from the program, she attended Special Education classes. While in school, she was a Girl Scout, member of the Builder's Club and Key Club, Captain of the Color Guard, Feast of the Lanterns Princess, and got straight A's in her last year in high school. At Monterey Peninsula College she earned an AA degree in Science and is still attending college part time, having accumulated 98 units.

Another of her volunteer jobs is "Color Guard Instructor" at Pacific Grove High School. This segment of the marching Band is taught teamwork, marching, flag twirling, rifle drill and some dance. The 15 to 25 girls in the award-winning Color Guard perform at football games, parades, school events and competitions with other schools.

Sherry volunteers for other school activities. She works during "Sober Grad Night," decorating, dealing at the casino carnival, and helping at the pancake breakfast for the graduates.

Sherry has two other jobs, a Lab Technician at MPC Ceramic Department, and a Seamstress in her dad's drapery shop. In Paul's Drapery Shop, she makes drapes, bedspreads, quilts, fabric shades, pillows and dust ruffles.

"Anyone interested in contributing to the community and enjoying fellowship, is welcome to join us," Sherry said.

Kiwanis meets each Tuesday morning from 7:30 to 8:30 am., at the Sally Griffin Community Center. For more info call 655-2099 or 375-1220.

According to Tim Yount, Deputy director of USA Triathlon, "This is an unprecedented number to be awarded to one event management company. It's the first time three national championships have been awarded to the same race director in the same year."

Tri-California will hold a national championship race at each of their three events. Monterey County will host the USA Triathlon National Collegiate Championships during the Wildflower Cornnuts Olympic Distance Triathlon, on Saturday May 4. Over 25 top ranking colleges and universities will send triathlon teams to compete in this prestigious college championship.

The Triathlon at Pacific Grove, September 14, 1996, will host the USA Triathlon National Club Championships, where top triathlon clubs from all over the US will compete for top honors on the scenic Monterey Peninsula course.

The Scott Tinley Mountain Bike races and other "dirty adventures," November 8-10 plays host to off-road enthusiasts at the USA Triathlon NMBTC during "Tinley's choice Triathlon," on Saturday, November 9 at Lopez Lake, in San Luis Obispo. This will be a first ever national championship in the mountain bike category, as the sport of triathlon goes to the dirt.

"We are very gratified that all of the races we produce were chosen by USA Triathlon for a national championship," states Terry Davis, owner of Tri-California. "Each of our events are fun and unique. We attribute their success to the tremendous volunteer support in each of the communities involved."

At the Triathlon at Pacific Grove, the volunteers, Scott Tinley and Tri-California were hailed as "industry pioneers" by mixing triathletes with mountain bike riders, in this exiting new 5 race multi-sport weekend, titled the Scott Tinley Mountain Bike Triathlons, Mountain bike races and "other dirty adventures."

For more information call 373-0679

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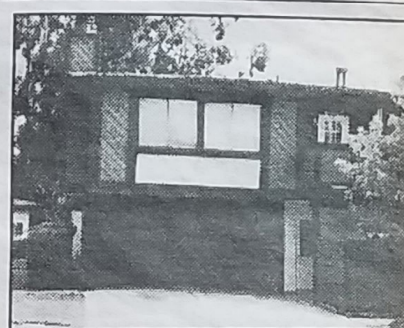
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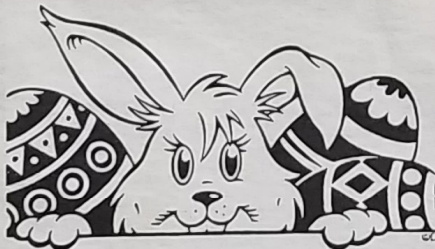
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Friends of the Monarchs, 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Citizen Recycling Committee, 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Bicycle Advisory Committee, 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month.

Kiwanians will feed all during Good Old Days

The fifteenth annual Pacific Grove Good Old Days Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by the Pacific Grove Kiwanis Club, will be held Saturday, April 13, from 8 to 11 am at Jewell Park, Central & Grand Avenues.

Entertainment will be provided by the PG High School Jazz Band.

Tickets are \$4 and are available from the PG Chamber of Commerce and its members as well as at the event. Proceeds from the breakfast are used to fund two college scholarships for outstanding graduates of the PGHS.

For more information call Sherry Sands at 644-9858

Burst of Spring party this weekend designed to entertain everyone

The 4th Annual Burst of Spring celebration tomorrow includes live entertainment, drawings for Easter Baskets filled with prizes, and special discounts and treats for all children.

The "Kids Only Flea Market" provides complimentary flea market space for kids to swap or sell such items as toys, clothes, computer stuff, furniture and arts & crafts.

Club Corner

by Nadine Annand

ALTRUSA AGAIN—Always looking for some way to be of community service, Altrusa International of the Monterey Peninsula will take an active part in the Burst of Spring event tomorrow (Saturday, March 16th) in Pacific Grove.

Members will help out in the Swap Meet to be held in the Bank of America parking lot and in front of the Sprouse Reitz building. School children are to benefit from this sale, which should be a lively spot during the day.

Still concerned with school children and education, Altrusans heard a presentation from Alicia La Salle, assistant principal at Monterey High School at a recent program meeting. She pointed out the fact that all students do not go on to college and need to be offered and given marketable skills.

She told of a newly introduced technical preparation program and also reminded Altrusans of the ROP program. She added that it is fortunate that Travel/Tourism is a big opportunity here on the Monterey Peninsula. She listed several career placement programs including dental assistant and graphic arts, noting students should be shown the alternatives to college.

She described the Business Educational Alliance of Monterey Bay and the Internship programs with Pacific Grove High School, a pilot program. The Herald will be a partner and the business community is also involved. She concluded by noting there is a big dropout rate for the freshman year and that school has to be relevant, offering preparation for the real world. Students are asked to define their goals, asking "Where will I be in the future?"

SPEAKING OF GOALS — What an eye opener I received when I attended Career Day at Pacific Grove Middle School last week. Sponsored by the PG Chamber of Commerce, 23 businesses and professional community members of the Chamber volunteered their expertise and time to let students find out firsthand about opportunities.

Topics included a future in museum work, nursing, computers, business and consultant related opportunities — to mention several.

Paul Finnegan, assistant Curator at the Museum of Natural History really gave an inside view of the values and joys of a career in this field. He described the variety in such a career, as well as the advantages. He told of developing an early interest in museums while growing up in San Francisco. He said at the early age of 24 years he was employed at the Smithsonian, the largest museum in the world. Not many consider a career in museums, but, he noted, it is immensely rewarding and educational.

Larry Krum, financial consultant and computer expert, told of the need for a game plan. The entrepreneur program, with prizes for various categories, is an excellent opportunity for students to begin their serious career planning.

Julie Keister, who combines the operation of a computer business with raising a family, advised students to work out their own needs according to their talents. She described her marketing and training role and added, "It is a constant learning process and you have to keep up with technology and continuing advances. It can be done, but takes planning, hard work and dedication."

WEAVING ANYONE?

Carmel Crafts Guild, the weaving section, meets on Thursday morning, March 21 at 10 am in the New Monterey Neighborhood Center. The meeting is open to wannabees and to accomplished weavers, free of charge.



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